



# Canterbury Club Newsletter



## Canterbury Club March Sledding Day and Visit to Segovia

Canterbury Club VP's  
Christian, Mario, José & Beatriz Present:  
**FLAMENCO NIGHT**  
Thursday, February 18th, 9:15 pm  
For Teachers, Students, Friends & Family

Where: La Quimera Flamenco, C/ Sancho Dávila 34, Metro: Ventas. (Directions: Cross C/ Alcalá & go rt, take 1st lt. on C/ Alejandro González, 2 blocks to Plaza América Española, cross plaza & rt. on Sancho Dávila.) Time: 9:15 pm (to get a seat.) Show time 10 pm. Antorrín and his group of Flamenco singers and dancers will perform at the Canterbury Flamenco Party. The artists who have been invited include the fiery Flamenco dancer Raquel Valenica, guitarist Hot-Fingered Reza el Persa, singers, the one and only Mayte Maya, the fabulous El Chaleco, the marvelous Antorrín, male dancers, el apasionado Adrian Dominguez, and the Great Carlos Velazquez. Yes, this is a once in a lifetime chance to see real, live Flamenco at incredibly low Canterbury Club prices of 14,50 € that includes the show and a drink.

Directores Richard & James Present:  
**WINTER SLEDDING DAY  
w/ LUNCH & VISIT TO SEGOVIA**  
Sunday, March 6th, 8:00 am  
For Teachers, Students, Friends & Family

Club Motto: "A Sunday You Will Never Forget" Meeting Time: 8:00 am. Meeting Place: Canterbury Alonso Martínez (C/ Covarubias 22.) Transportation: Cars. Travel Time: 1 hour Transportation Cost Free. Sledding Cost: Free (Canterbury will provide the sleds). Lunch: We will go to Segovia to have lunch (Menu del Día: Approx. 10€) and then visit the castle (4€), tower (2€) and the Roman aqueduct (free). Bring: Daypack, tennis shoes, very warm clothes and rain gear (if it is raining or snowing), plus a dry sweater and pants to change into. This is a great opportunity to leave Madrid and go to the mountains to have a super time with the Canterbury Club sledding and then a nice lunch with wine in Segovia, followed by a visit to the fairy tale castle and tower. Teachers Online Sign Ups: Sign up on your office's web page: <http://www.canterburyenglish.com/>, <http://www.canterburyconsultingspain.com/> (portal de profesores, login w/ your password (email your scheduler if you can't login), in menu choose C.Club Trip Signups to reserve your place. Student (other) Signups: Send email to [scheduling@canterburytefl.com](mailto:scheduling@canterburytefl.com)

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Canterbury Club VP's  
Christian, José & Bea Present:  
**FINNEGANS IRISH  
PUB NIGHT**  
Friday April 15th, 9:45 pm

Conversation Topic:  
**The Village of Patones**

Patones is one of the most picturesque Spanish villages in the Community of Madrid. All the houses are made of slate (pizarra) with red tile roofs (tejados de tejos). The streets of grass and cobblestones (adoquines) wind delightfully around the village. Patones is isolated from the rest of civilization, nestled (anidado) among the rolling (ondulante) green hills of the Sierra Pobre of Madrid. The village seems to be lost in time and you almost expect (casi esperar) Rip Van Winckle to appear from behind the rustic village cemetery, or to see a shepherdess (pastora) dressed in 18th century clothes, scrubbing (frotando) her dresses on the stones at the open air washing place (lavadero) next to the stream (riachuelo), where four centuries of villagers have washed and rinsed (esclarecido) their clothes.



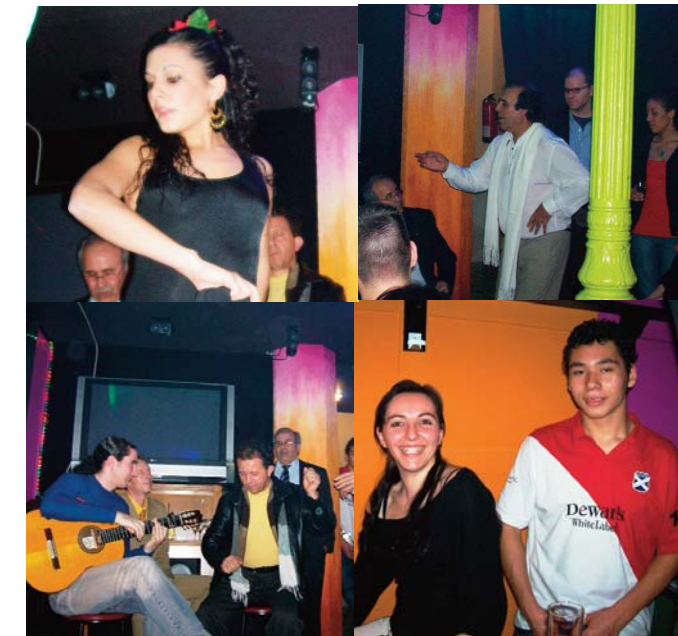
Canterbury Club in Segovia!

Conversation Topic:  
**The King of Patones**

Ask your students about Patones de Arriba. It is a jewel (joya) in the heart (corazón) of the "Sierra Pobre". Patones is picturesque (pintoresca) little village (pueblo) of traditional slate (pizarra) walls, cobble-stone (adoquines) streets and red-tiled roofs (tejadros). It is completely hidden (escondido) from the rest of the valley, because it is nestled (anidado) back in the hills (montes) of the Sierra. Not much has changed in Patones since (desde) the Shepherd King of Patones in 1713 sent a letter to Carlos III, King of the Spanish Empire (which covered half of the world) at his royal palace in Madrid. The letter was from his Royal Highness (realeza) of Patones to his Royal Highness of Spain and in the letter he treated King Carlos III as an equal (although (aunque) Patones was a little village of only (solamente) 25 houses). King Carlos was so (tan) furious to find out (enterarse) there was another (otro) King in Spain, and less than fifty km from Madrid, the centre of the Spanish world empire, that he sent (mandó) his elite storm troops (tropas) the next morning to Patones. They met (encontraron) no resistance from the inquisitive shepherds and young maidens (doncellas) who were busy (ocupadas) bringing water from the well (pozo) to their houses. The poor Shepherd King of Patones was dragged (arrastrado) back to Madrid in chains (cadenas), taken before his Majesty King Carlos and ordered (obligado) to bow (bajar) his head in shame (vergüenza) before the only world monarch. He was then soundly thrashed (duramente azotado) for his impudence and sent back to Patones with no crown (corona) on his head. And so (así) ended the royal kingdom (reino) of Patones.

Conversation Topic:  
**Skiing in Spain**

Spain is ranked second in the World among tourists looking to find sand, sun and sangria. However, as the colder winter months set in and snow begins to fall, the atmosphere in Spain changes. Though not known for its mountains and ski resorts like countries such as Switzerland, winter activities such as skiing and snowboarding are gaining popularity every year.



**Top left:**  
 A passionate flamenco dance  
**Top right:**  
 Singing an emotional flamenco song  
**Bottom left:**  
 Traditional flamenco music played on guitar.  
**Bottom right:**  
 Enjoying the show.

There are numerous options for skiers of all levels throughout Spain, and options for those who want to take a day trip or spend an entire weekend hitting the slopes. About an hour outside of Madrid lays the Navacerrada, which boasts trails for beginners, intermediates and advanced skiers, and offers an option of six resorts for those who want to stay overnight.

Should you want to get away from the city for awhile, the Pyrenees offer excellent skiing for those with at least a little experience. Beginners are welcome at all resorts, though some may find sitting by the fire in the lodge more comfortable than falling down the trails time and time again. Here, the Beaqueira Beret is considered the "it" spot to ski, as the Spanish national team practices here and the quality of snow exceeds other places in the Pyrenees and throughout the country.

Still, there's no limit on what region one has to go to in order to ski. The Sierra Nevada in the south of Spain is home to numerous ski resorts, and if the outdoors just is not your style, the Xanadu shopping mall outside of Madrid has an indoor slope.

So while it is true that Spain is known for the Costa Blanca, warm Mediterranean waters and parties on Ibiza, winter loving folks have nothing to fear as the opportunities for skiing, snowboarding and other winter activities exist and are increasing throughout the country. So strap on some skis and take advantage of the hidden winter gems that Spain has to offer.

Professor of the Winter Season  
**Asier Equizabal**

When I surprisingly found out I was nominated teacher of the season, I was totally honored and flabbergasted by the fact that I would ever be nominated for anything of the sort. I've been a teacher for the last five years, and I always try to have my best diligence at hand when I work anywhere, regardless of having my merits recognized by my employer; I do it for my students, and for the sheer pleasure it provides to know you're helping someone gain more knowledge over something as necessary nowadays as the English language. I always enjoy when I can draw a smile on a student's face, it'll pay off any effort I'd committed to that class. I've felt very comfortable with everyone at the Canterbury office since day one and for that I thank all.

Student of the Winter Season  
**José Gabriel Rodríguez**

As a student José Gabriel is an example to follow. He has a very extensive cultural knowledge, and it's always a pleasure to go talk with him and practice English. His diligence and constance when it comes to English always have the touch of a sheer perfectionist. This, along with his permanently great attitude, definitely make the characteristics of a top student for any teacher!!

**Flamenco Night**



Experiencing an intimate and emotional flamenco show for the first time.